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Sale of the grain " Chokku Varaharisi ".

* 308 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report about persons taking ill due to using the kind of grain known as Chokku Varaharisi was received by the Government ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken to prevent the selling of this sort of grain?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, relating to the incident in some villages of Tiruvannamalai taluk of North Arcot district.

" (*b*) All the unsold and unused stocks of the grain were seized. The people of the town and the adjacent villages were warned by beat of tom-tom to avoid purchasing and eating of that grain. The vendors were also asked not to sell the stocks of this grain. Special slides were put up in the local cinema theatres giving the people the information about the matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are many questions to be answered to-day. So, I pass on to the next question."

Appointment of hereditary village officers.

* 309 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have got any scheme to replace the present system of hereditary appointment of village officers by suitably qualified personnel without regard to hereditary claims?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This is one of the recommendations made to Government by the Land Revenue Reforms Committee. The matter is under examination."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" In view of the excellent and loyal services rendered to the Government by the hereditary village officers from time to time, without minding the low salary that they are getting, will the Government consider the desirability of continuing the present system? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" That is why the Government are carefully examining the question."

Allegations against the Police at Srivaikuntam.

11-40 a.m. * 310 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaint against the Police at Srivaikuntam in Tirunelveli district that they are taking away the posters of the Communist Party from where they have been posted ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?